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2. A GUATEMALAN JOURNALIST (AND FORMER CONVICTED CRIMINAL) NAMED JORGE ((LEMUS)) HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER AND [REDACTED] POLITICAL OFFICERS. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE RECENTLY CONDUCTED A SERIES OF PRIVATE INTERVIEWS WITH CONVICTED MYRNA ((MACK)) CHANG MURDERER NOEL DE JESUS ((BETETA)) ALVAREZ. (FIELD COMMENT: LEMUS WAS IN PRISON WITH BETETA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. HE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO SERVE TIME FOR CAR THEFT.) LEMUS CLAIMS HE TAPED THE INTERVIEWS WITH BETETA, WHICH HE SAID WERE CONDUCTED AT THE PRISON WHERE BETETA IS SERVING A 30-YEAR SENTENCE FOR THE MURDER OF MYRNA MACK. LEMUS PASSED COPIES OF THE TAPED INTERVIEWS TO THE EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER. LEMUS IS ALSO IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH HELEN ((MACK)) CHANG, SISTER OF MYRNA MACK AND A HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST SINCE HER SISTER'S MURDER. SHE HAS BEEN PUSHING THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT TO PROSECUTE THE ALLEGED "INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS" OF HER SISTER'S MURDER.

3. THE LEGITIMACY OF THE TAPED INTERVIEWS ARE PRESENTLY IN QUESTION BECAUSE IN ONE OF THE INTERVIEWS, BETETA CLAIMS HE RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM LTC JUAN ((VALENCIA)) OSORIO, THEN CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF'S "DEPARTMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY" AND BETETA'S SENIOR OFFICER, TO MURDER MYRNA MACK. THE EMBASSY FIRST DOUBTS THAT BETETA WOULD ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE RECORDED MAKING THIS ACCUSATION, AND SECOND, DOUBTS BETETA WOULD PLACE SUCH TRUST IN JORGE LEMUS. IF THE TAPED INTERVIEWS ARE AUTHENTIC, AND IF BETETA ACCUSED VALENCIA OF GIVING HIM AN ORDER TO KILL MYRNA MACK, THEN BETETA PLACED HIMSELF AT SERIOUS PERSONAL RISK OF RETALIATION.

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3. IN ONE ALLEGED INTERVIEW WITH LEMUS, BETETA SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT LTC JUAN ((OLIVA)) CARRERA [REDACTED], WHO WAS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY AT THE TIME OF MYRNA MACK'S MURDER AND ONE OF BETETA'S SUPERVISORS, WAS NOT INVOLVED IN PLANNING OR CARRYING OUT THE MURDER. DEPENDING ON THE LEGITIMACY OF THE TAPED INTERVIEWS, THIS STATEMENT MAY BE A VINDICATION OF LTC OLIVA WHICH REFUTES HELEN MACK'S EARLIER CLAIMS THAT ALL PERSONS IN BETETA'S CHAIN OF COMMAND SHOULD BE CHARGED AS INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS IN HER SISTER'S MURDER. (b)(3)

4. HELEN MACK DOES NOT APPEAR TO DOUBT THE VALIDITY OF THE TAPED INTERVIEWS. BASED UPON BETETA'S COMMENTS, [REDACTED] THAT HELEN MACK WILL DROP LTC OLIVA'S NAME FROM THE GROUP WHICH SHE ALLEGES WERE INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS IN FUTURE LEGAL MOTIONS IN THE GUATEMALAN COURTS. SHE HAS ALREADY DONE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO LTC OLIVA'S REPUTATION, HOWEVER, AND WE CAN ONLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT TRANSPIRES. THE STATION WILL KEEP HEADQUARTERS APPRISED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. B1 a 5

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